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DIRECTOR-GENERAL ON THE VISIT OF HIS TEAM
TO THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

REF: PERMDEL-IO/UNESCO TELECONS MAY 31

1. AT ABOUT 6:00 P.M. MAY 31, UNESCO SECRETARIAT
RELEASED DOCUMENT 104 EX/52: IMPLEMENTATION OF
18 C/RESOLUTION 13.1 AND 19 C/RESOLUTION 15.1 CONCERNING
EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE OCCUPIED
ARAB TERRITORIES: REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL ON THE
MISSION HE SENT TO THE ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY
ISRAEL TO COLLECT ON-THE-SPOT INFORMATION ON THE
EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SITUATION.

2. PUBLICATION OF THIS DOCUMENT IS DIRECTLY CONTRARY
TO THE INFORMATION WE HAD BEEN RECEIVING UP UNTIL A FEW
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DAYS AGO THAT THE DG WOULD PRESENT ONLY AN ORAL REPORT
AND IT IS ALSO CONTRARY TO INFORMATION WE HAD EARLIER
RECEIVED FROM DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR CPX,
JOHN KABORE (UPPER VOLTA) THAT THE DG WAS OPPOSED TO
ISSUING A SERIES OF REPORTS SIGNED BY INDIVIDUALS BUT
RATHER WAS INSISTING ON A COMPOSITE REPORT.

3. DG'S COVER NOTE LINKS THE CREATION OF HIS OBSERVER TEAM DIRECTLY TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS, CITED IN PARA. 1, WHICH ARE REJECTED BY ISRAEL. AFTER REFERRING TO 19 C/RES. 15.1, HE SAYS: "IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE RESOLUTION, I APPROACHED THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS WITH A VIEW TO ENABLING A MISSION TO BE SENT TO THAT COUNTRY." COVER NOTE THEN RECALLS THE GUIDE LINES, AND GIVES NAMES OF TEAM MEMBERS. COVER NOTE ALSO SPECIFIES THAT TEAM WAS NOT ABLE TO INSPECT JERUSALEM ITSELF. NOTE ENDS BY SAYING: "THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL INTENDS TO SUBMIT TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, IN THE LIGHT OF THESE REPORTS (I.E., THOSE THAT ARE ANNEXED TO THE NOTE) SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS AS ARE CALCULATED, IN HIS VIEW, TO FURTHER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION 15.1 OF THE NINETEENTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE."

4. ACCORDING TO MEIR JOFFE, ISRAELI PERMREP, THESE FOUR REPORTS WERE THE PERSONAL NOTES OF TEAM MEMBERS THAT WERE SUBMITTED TO PAUL MARC HENRY (FRANCE) THE TEAM LEADER. IT WAS ON THE BASIS OF THESE NOTES, PLUS THOSE OF PIERRE DE SENARCLENS (SWISS) THAT HENRY WAS SUPPOSED TO MAKE HIS COMPOSITE REPORT TO THE DG. HENRY GAVE THE FOUR SETS OF NOTES TO THE DG FOR HIS OWN PERSONAL INFORMATION, AND THE DG PUBLISHED THEM WITHOUT HENRY'S PRIOR KNOWLEDGE. MEANWHILE, HENRY HAS PREPARED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A REPORT WHICH JOFFE WILL PROVIDE US THIS P.M.

5. ANNEX ONE IS THE REPORT OF VLADIMIR VELEBIT (YUGOSLAVIA), FORMER EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE UN ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE. IT IS A BIASED, AND UNBALANCED REPORT. HE INTRODUCES EXTRANEEOUS MATERIAL THAT HAS NO BEARING ON THE CONDITION OF THE EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. IF THE ARAB MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WANT JUSTIFICATION FOR MAKING STATEMENTS CRITICAL OF ISRAEL DURING THE DEBATE, OR OF MOVING A RESOLUTION CRITICIZING ISRAEL, THEY WILL FIND ALL THEY NEED IN VELEBIT'S REPORT. MAINLY, HE ATTEMPTS TO MAKE THE CASE THAT THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION FORCES OBSTRUCTED THE DG'S TEAM IN ITS EFFORTS TO GATHER INFORMATION.

6. ANNEX TWO IS THE REPORT OF SAMUEL COOKEY (NIGERIA), FORMER EXBD MEMBER AND FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT IN LONDON. IT IS ENTITLED "EDUCATION IN ARAB TERRI-

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TORIES OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL," AND IS A SURVEY OF THE
GENERAL EDUCATION SYSTEM. IT IS EIGHT PAGES LONG, AND
IS A BALANCED PIECE THAT GENERALLY MAKES THE CASE THAT
THERE ARE MORE SCHOOLS AND MORE STUDENTS GOING TO SCHOOL
NOW IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES THAN THERE WERE
IN 1967. HE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT, UNDER A MILITARY
OCCUPATION, CONDITIONS WILL NEVER BE IDEAL, HIS REPORT
IS GENERALLY ENCOURAGING.

7. ANNEX THREE IS THE REPORT OF JAOQUIN RUIZ-GIMENEZ
(SPAIN), AND IS ENTITLED: "HIGHER EDUCATION IN ARAB
TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL." RUIZ-GIMENEZ IS
PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF MADRID.
HE, LIKE COOKEY, PRESENTS A BALANCED REPORT, AND HE
STICKS TO THE SUBJECT OF HIGHER EDUCATION, WITHOUT
DIGRESSING INTO EXTRANEIOUS MATTERS. HE SHOWS, THAT EVEN
THOUGH THERE ARE CERTAINLY UNRESOLVED PROBLEMS AND UNMET
DEMANDS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, THERE ARE MORE INSTITUTIONS
OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, AND
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MORE STUDENTS IN THEM THAN IN 1967. HE ALSO MAKES CLEAR THAT THESE INSTITUTIONS ARE PERMITTED TO RECEIVE FUNDING FROM FOREIGN, INCLUDING ARAB, SOURCES. HE REPORTS THAT THE QUALITY OF THESE INSTITUTIONS HAS IMPROVED.

8. ANNEX FOUR IS THE REPORT OF MADAME JACQUELINE HENIN (FRANCE), PROFESSOR AT THE INSTITUT NATIONAL DES LANGUES ET CIVILISATIONS ORIENTALES AT PARIS. SHE DESCRIBES HERSELF AS AN ARABIST. ORIGINALLY ASSIGNED TO THE TEAM AS A KIND OF AIDE, RATHER THAN A FULL MEMBER, SHE NEVERTHELESS IS GIVEN EQUAL BILLING IN THE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS, AND HER REPORT IS GIVEN EQUAL STATUS WITH THE OTHER THREE. HER SUBMISSION IS ENTITLED: "REPORT TO THE DG OF UNESCO ON MULTI-PURPOSE CENTERS FOR RESEARCH AND CREATIVE WORK, CULTURAL, RADIO AND TELEVISION PROGRAMS, PUBLICATIONS, FESTIVALS AND EXHIBITIONS AND SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS AND LIBRARIES IN THE ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL SINCE 1967." LIKE VELEBIT'S REPORT, HENIN'S IS DOMINANTLY NEGATIVE AND CRITICAL.

9. DOCUMENT EX/52 IS 34 PAGES IN LENGTH, AND SINCE THE DEBATE IS SCHEDULED TO START ON THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 2, THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY THAT WE CAN GET IT TO THE DEPARTMENT IN TIME FOR COMMENT. WE WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH ISRAELI PERMREP JOFFE AND GOI SPECIAL REP AMBAS-SADOR EMILE NAJAR ON TACTICS. THERE IS NO RPT NO DRAFT RESOLUTION ATTACHED TO EX/52, BUT WE MUST ASSUME THAT THE ARABS WILL INTRODUCE ONE.
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